(c) The Postal Circle-wise targets fixed for opening new Post Offices in rural areas in the financial year 1996-97 are given in statement.

Statement

Postal circle-wise targets fixed for opening new post offices in rural area in the financial year 1996-97

S. No.	Name of the Circle		Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices (EDBOs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	:	2
2.	Assam	:	2
3.	Bihar	:	10
4.	Delhi	:	1
5.	Gujarat	:	5
6.	Haryana	:	4
7.	Himachal Pradesh	:	4
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	:	2
9.	Karnataka	:	2
10.	Kerala	:	1
11.	Madhya Pradesh	:	9
12.	Maharashtra	:	9
13.	North-East	:	2
14.	Orissa	:	4
15.	Punjab	:	2
16.	Rajasthan	:	5
17.	Tamil Nadu	:	2
18.	Uttar Pradesh	:	12
19.	West Bengal	:	2
	Total	:	80

Note: Postal Circle of North-East Comprises the States of Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh. Similarly Goa, forms part of Maharashtra Postal Circle and the State of Sikkim forms of West Bengal Circle.

The following Union Territories are covered by the postal circle mentioned against each of them:—

Andaman & Nicobar : West Bengal Circle
Chandigarh : Punjab Circle
Dadra & Nagar Haveli: Gujarat Circle
Daman & Diu : -do-
Lakshdweep : Kerala Circle
Pondicherry : Tamil Nadu Circle.

Recommendations of Dr. Alagh Committee on release of Cauvery Water

1746. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the salient recommendations of the Dr. Alagh Committee appointed by the Prime Minister on release of Cauvery water;

(b) whether Government have discussed the recommendations with the Chief Minister of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, the action Government propose to take to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The main recommendations of the Expert Group were:

(i) Keeping in view, the shortage of water in both States, Karnataka must ensure availability of 11.4 TMC of water as due to Tamil Nadu from January to May 1996.

(ii) However, to mitigate the problem of shortage in Tamil Nadu particularly in the months of January, February and March when the demand will be at peak, the availability during these months may be augmented so as to enhance availability at Mettur Dam of an additional 2.5 TMC which may be adjusted from the releases due in April and May. The timing of such releases is very critical.

(b) and (c) The above recommendations were conveyed to the Chief Ministers of the Cauvery Basin States namely: Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and UT of Pondicherry on 2.2.96 by the then Prime Minister. The recommendations pertained to the period ending May, 1996. At this stage no action is required.